

# ON MY LIST: Worship

## ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

Do you write a list of things to do or do you go by memory? Why?

### WORD

Last week we started a new series On My List that explores the difficulties of change in the Christian life. Through understanding procrastination, sanctification and the power of cultivating spiritual habits, we see the life giving process of change in the Christian life.

We learned that Change is part of life; it will either bring us closer to God or take us further away from him. What is on your list? Is this drawing you closer to God or is it drawing you away from Him? We need to check our list and maybe make a little bit of changes. Our list shows our priorities, what is your top 3 in your list?

#### **Matthew 6:33**

*“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

Motives matter, and only by sincerely putting Jesus first our Lord can we pursue righteousness. To seek God's kingdom and His righteousness means to live in that ongoing repentance from sin, and to lead the kind of sincere, from-the-heart, devoted-to-God lifestyles Jesus has been describing.

#### **Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)**

*1 “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Second week, we learned that Change is part of growth. The gospel of Jesus Christ change our life and that change requires growth, we are sanctified through the finished work of Christ on the cross and through his words. We will allow our lives to be changed to reflect Jesus. The Christian life is about changing to reflect more of Jesus through the process of sanctification.

## DISCUSSION

What are you going to do to rearrange the priorities you've got to reflect the Lordship of Jesus Christ in your life?

## WORD

We need to allow ourselves to be changed to reflect Jesus and grow in worship.

### 1. Offer A Sacrificial Worship

**Romans 12:1 (ESV)**

*1 "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship?"*

As living sacrifices, God has already set us apart for His purposes and declared us acceptable because He sees us in our position in Christ. This life of worship is the appropriate response to the mercy God has already given to us.

### 2. Offer Acceptable Worship

**Romans 12:2 (ESV)**

*2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Paul writes that we must no longer be conformed to the world. The word "world" is often used in the New Testament to refer to the "world system," or the way that every human being lives by default. John described this

worldly way of living as "the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life"

### **1 John 2:16-17 (NIV)**

*16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.*

All of us chase those things in pursuit of happiness and meaning. Paul tells us to abandon the chase for pleasure, possessions, and status—to stop living like everyone else. Instead, he urges us to be transformed from the inside out. Specifically, he writes that we must be ***changed*** in how we think, to have our minds renewed so that we can begin to understand God's will for our lives. God may continue to provide us with pleasure, possessions, and status in various forms, but he urges us to learn how to look at life with a new question: What does God want for me?

What is truly a good, acceptable, and perfect use of my life for His purposes and not just for my own?

### **3. Glorious Worship**

#### ***Romans 12:9-13 (NIV)***

*9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

Paul is describing what it means to live as a self-sacrificing Christian. In the previous verse, he wrote that our love for each other must be sincere or genuine.

## **DISCUSSION**

Which of the offering listed above that you are struggling the most? On the other hand, which one that you are growing the most? How can the LG leader help you?

## **LIFE APPLICATION**

Let us offer our bodies as a living sacrifice holy and pleasing to God. In other words, we do not have to wait to be better people before we offer our bodies and live for God. As people in Christ, He will receive the sacrifice of our everyday lives right now.

Coming together to worship during Sunday Worship reminds us who He is and draw us closer to Him.

## **DISCUSSION**

What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?

## **VERSE TO MEDITATE ON**

*Psalms 145:3 NIV*

*“Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.”*

## **PRAYER**

Share your prayer request and answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.



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